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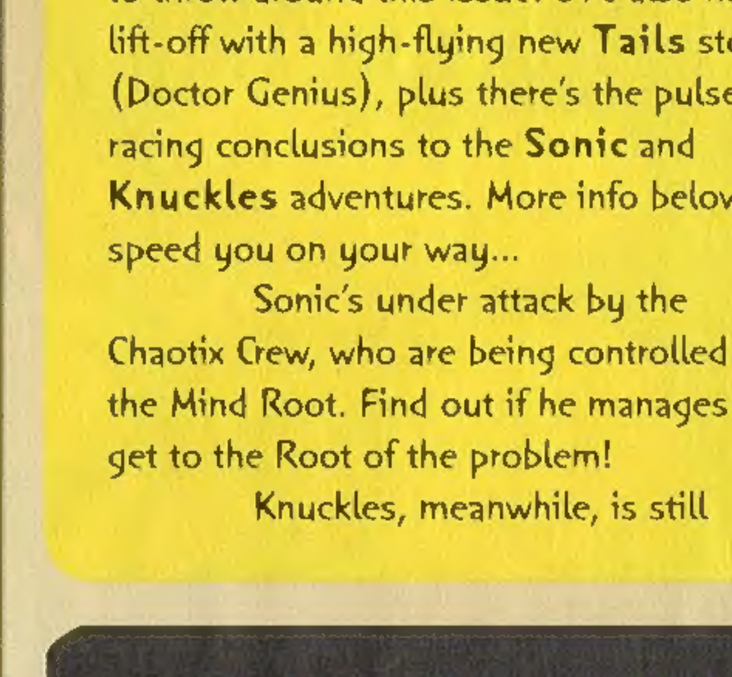

greetings

HEY BOOMERS!

What's cool, slender and segasational (who said me?). No, it's the surprise FREE Boomerang which you get to throw around this issue! *STC* also has lift-off with a high-flying new **Tails** story (Doctor Genius), plus there's the pulse-racing conclusions to the **Sonic** and **Knuckles** adventures. More info below to speed you on your way...

Sonic's under attack by the Chaotix Crew, who are being controlled by the Mind Root. Find out if he manages to get to the Root of the problem!

Knuckles, meanwhile, is still feeling the pain from a shock collar which has been placed around his neck. The culprits are four devious minds who are trying to steal the Chaos Emeralds. Is Knuckles up to his neck or will he escape? Better turn to the final part of **The Take-over** and all will be revealed.

Catch your own artwork in the **Graphic Zone**, which this issue has a mega medical theme, plus there's the return of Captain Plunder in the **Pirates Of The Mystic Cave**.

See you in two weeks for another spinning issue of your fave read when mean Metallix returns together with Grimer, *and* there's yet another mystery Free gift. Now that's what I call an action overload!

Megadroid

WRONG NUMBER HANG UP!

Back in *STC* 132, Speedlines printed a Segaworld telephone number regarding Sega character merchandising. Sounds simple doesn't it? Well, it would've been if the number hadn't been changed without STC's knowledge! Apologies to the numerous Boomers who swamped the office with letters and 'phone calls, bewildered by the confusion!

Was this a ploy by Doctor Robotnik to let *STC* know he's still out there? Rest assured that those responsible for the confusion have been cornered!

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PART 3

SONIC ROOTS

Script & Colour: NIGEL KITCHING • B & W Art: RICHARD ELSON • Letters: ELLIE de'VILLE

JUST OUTSIDE NEW TEK CITY LIES THE ANCIENT MANDRAKE SWAMP.

AND AT THE CENTRE OF THAT SWAMP IS A MYSTERIOUS CASTLE, SPOKEN OF ONLY IN LEGEND.

COME OUT, SONIC, YOU CAN'T *HIDE* FROM ME...

THUDD!

AGGGH!

WHO'S *HIDING*, MIGHTY?

THIS IS THE THING THAT'S CONTROLLING HIM... THE *MIND ROOT!*

I DON'T *DARE* TRY TO PULL IT OFF... WHO KNOWS WHAT *THAT* MIGHT DO TO HIM!

THAT'S ONE, BUT THE OTHER FOUR MEMBERS OF CHAOTIX ARE ALL STILL UNDER ROOT'S CONTROL... AND OUT TO GET ME!

WHERE ARE THEY?

DOES THIS ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?

WHAP!

UGGH!

SORRY ABOUT THIS, ESPIO... I KNOW YOU CAN'T HELP YOURSELF!

POW!

YOU'LL THANK ME LATER!

YIPPY-YAPPY-DO! IT LOOKS LIKE I GET TO DEFEAT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

CHARMEE!

I'M GOING TOO FAST... LOSING CONTROL!

EEEE-Y-OOOOOO!

CRASSSH!

NICE GOING, CHARMY... YOU IDIOT!

YAAAA!

SWAKK

VECTOR! IT'S YOUR TURN TO TRY YOUR LUCK, IS IT?

WELL, I DON'T FANCY GETTING NEAR THOSE TEETH OF YOURS, SO...

THIS TIME I'LL TRY A *DIFFERENT* APPROACH!

WHATEVER YOU'RE UP TO, IT *ISN'T* GOING TO WORK!

JUST HOLD THAT POSE, VECTOR... IT'LL ALL BE OVER IN A MOMENT!

HEH, WHA?

MMMPH-NNM-URMMM!

DO NOT OPEN 'TILL CHRISTMAS

YOU SAID IT, VECTOR!

YOU'VE GOT THIS COMING TO YOU, YOU *BLISTERIN' VARMINT!*

BLOCKHEAD BILL... I WONDERED WHEN *YOU'D* SHOW UP!

AND I SEE YOU TURNED YOUR PAL MAX BACK INTO A *DINOSAUR* AGAIN!

I'D LIKE TO STAY AND *PLAY*, GUYS... BUT I REALLY DON'T HAVE TIME RIGHT NOW!

HEE, HEE-HEE...

LET'S SEE JUST HOW *TICKLISH* YOU ARE...

HOW *ABOUT* THAT... YOU REALLY *ARE* TICKLISH!

WHOAAA!

HAW-HAW-HAW-HAW!

HAW-HAW-HAW-HAW...

YOU BLASTED *LAME-BRAINED* DINOSAUR *VARMINT IDIOT!* HOW COME YOU NEVER TOLD ME YOU WERE *TICKLISH?*

AT LAST, ROOT, IT'S JUST *YOU* AND *ME!*

YOU ARE A *FOOL!* YOU CANNOT REALISE THE *POWER* THAT I COMMAND!

SEE THE POWER OF ROOT AND TREMBLE!

YEAH, THAT'S REALLY GOOD...VERY IMPRESSIVE! BUT YOU KNOW WHAT?

I'M NOT IMPRESSED!

KRASSSSH!

JUST LIKE I FIGURED...YOU CAN DO A COUPLE OF MAGIC TRICKS AND YOU CAN PUT ON A GOOD LIGHT SHOW...

BUT YOUR ONLY REAL POWER COMES FROM CONTROLLING OTHER PEOPLE!

LOOKS LIKE ALL YOUR SWAMPY CREATURES JUST VANISHED TOO, ROOT!

NO... NO, YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND, I'M NOT ROOT, MY NAME'S MORTON!

THERE HE IS, THERE'S ROOT! STOP HIM!

GOT YOU!

GUYS! HEY, HOW YOU DOING?

THOSE ROOT THINGS JUST DROPPED OFF OUR NECKS... WHAT'S GOING ON?

THAT'S WHAT I'M ABOUT TO FIND OUT... MORTON?

I... I WAS EXPLORING THE MANDRAKE SWAMP, IT WAS YEARS AGO!

I FOUND THAT ROOT CREATURE! SOMEHOW IT MANAGED TO ATTACH ITSELF TO MY NECK!

IT TOOK CONTROL OF MY MIND! THEN IT GRADUALLY GREW ALL AROUND ME! I COULDN'T HELP IT, HONESTLY!

OKAY BUDDY, WE BELIEVE YOU!

SO WHAT DO WE DO WITH IT NOW?

WELL, IT MIGHT TASTE GOOD IN A BOWL OF CHILLI SAUCE WITH SOME RICE!

NEXT ISSUE: WHATEVER HAPPENED TO GRIMER?

Tails

DOCTOR GENIUS

NEW COMPLETE STORY

Script: LEW STRINGER Art: MICK McMAHON Lettering: GORDON ROBSON

THEY CALL ME *DOCTOR GENIUS*, THE GREATEST CRIMINAL MIND EVER! LAST WEEK I COMMITTED THE *CRIME* OF THE CENTURY, AND LOOK WHERE I AM NOW!

YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW HOW I GOT HERE, WOULDN'T YOU? COME CLOSER, AND I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT!

"IT STARTED A FEW MONTHS AGO. I'D ALWAYS BEEN ENVIOUS OF HEROES LIKE *TAILS*..."

BAH!

ONCE AGAIN, **SONIC** AND HIS CREW HAVE SAVED THE DAY! IS THERE ANY CRIMINAL WHO CAN GET THE BETTER OF OUR HEROES?

BAH!

BOOF!

HEROES! HOW I ***HATE*** THEM!

I HEAR THAT ***TAILS*** STOPPED ***SIDNEY BLAND*** FROM CARRYING OUT HIS EVIL SCHEME!

YES! NO ***MAD SCIENTISTS*** STAND A ***CHANCE*** WITH ***TAILS*** AROUND!

WELL ***I'M*** MAD ***AND*** I'M A SCIENTIST, AND WHAT'S MORE, I'M GOING TO PROVE YOU ALL ***WRONG***! HAHAHAA!

WELL! REALLY!

ONCE THIS LITTLE BABY IS UP AND RUNNING I'LL BE ***UNTOUCHABLE***!

NICE AND QUIET TONIGHT! NO ***BADNIKS, MONSTERS, INVADING ALIENS*** OR ***MAD SCIENTISTS*** TO DISTURB THE PEACE!

OOO

WELL, THREE OUT OF FOUR ISN'T BAD

BANK

BE WARNED, TAILS! I'M GOING TO ROB THE BANK AND NEITHER YOU NOR ANYONE CAN STOP ME! YAHAHAA!

YOU DON'T LOOK PARTICULARLY UNSTOPPAB-AAGH!

FORCE FIELD ON!

ZWAP!

SEE, TAILS? YOU CAN'T GET NEAR ME! MY FORCE FIELD REPELS EVERY-THING!

EVEN THE WALLS OF THIS BANK CRUMBLE FROM THE ENERGY I POSSESS!

BANK

CRAASH!

FREEZE, MISTER!

OH, SO YOU WANT TO PLAY HERO, EH, GUARD?

DON'T YOU PEOPLE GET IT? NOTHING CAN STOP ME!

ENZAMM!

PYINNG!

STOP FIRING! YOUR BLASTS ARE JUST BOUNCING OFF HIS FORCE FIELD!

ZING!

ZING!

ZING!

ZINNG!

OKAY, TAILS, BUT JUST HOW DO WE STOP HIM?

DON'T WORRY, GUARD...

...I'VE A FEELING IT'S ALL ABOUT TO FALL FLAT FOR "DOCTOR GENIUS"!

I'VE WON! IN JUST TWO SECONDS, ALL THAT MONEY WILL BE IN MY SWEATY PAWS!

NOOO! I FORGOT I CAN'T GET NEAR IT BECAUSE OF MY *FORCE FIELD!*

I HAVEN'T COME THIS FAR TO LOSE NOW! I'LL TURN MY GADGET *OFF!*

THAT'S MY CUE! YOUR "*FIELD*" DAY IS OVER, CREEP!

BIFF!

BIFF!

BIFF!

BIFF!

...AND THAT'S WHY THEY CALL ME *DOCTOR GENIUS*, THE GREATEST CRIMINAL MIND EVER!

FUNSUNFUN

MIND YOU, I SUSPECT THEY WERE BEING SARCASTIC!

THE END!

NEXT ISSUE: *TAILS BITES BACK!*

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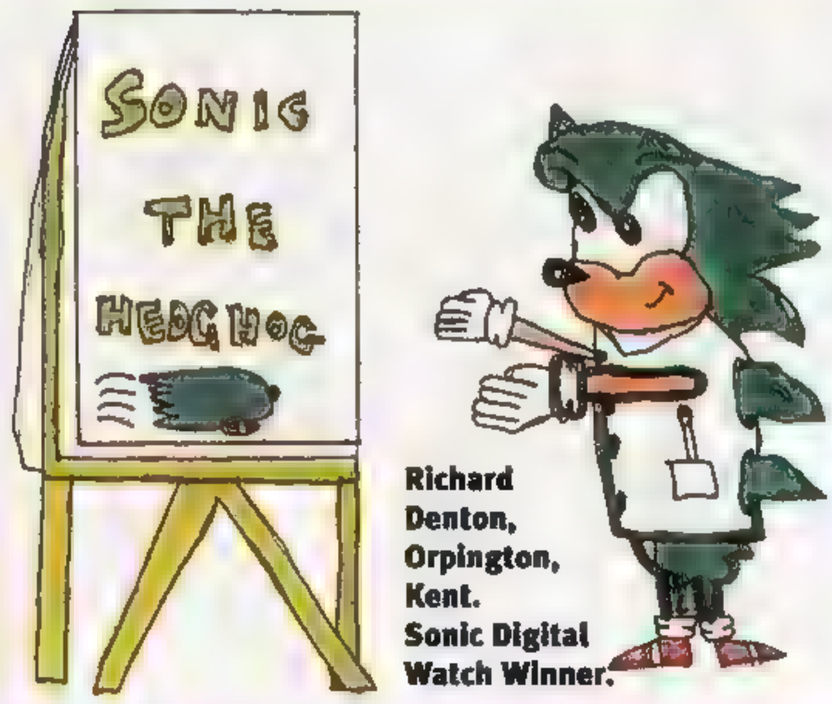

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The biggest pain of all - Robotnik!

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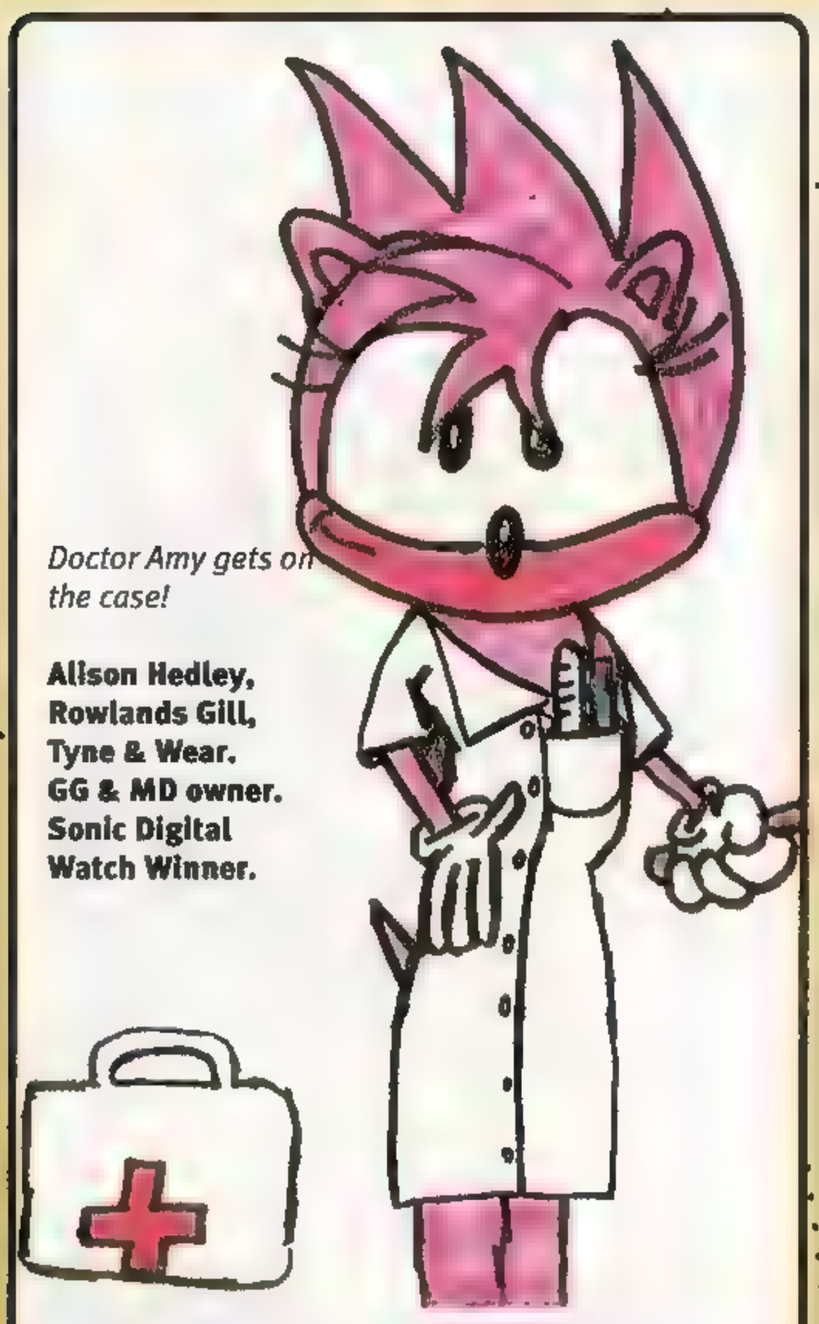

Doctor Amy gets on the case!

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MIGHTY MINO!

Dear Megadroid,

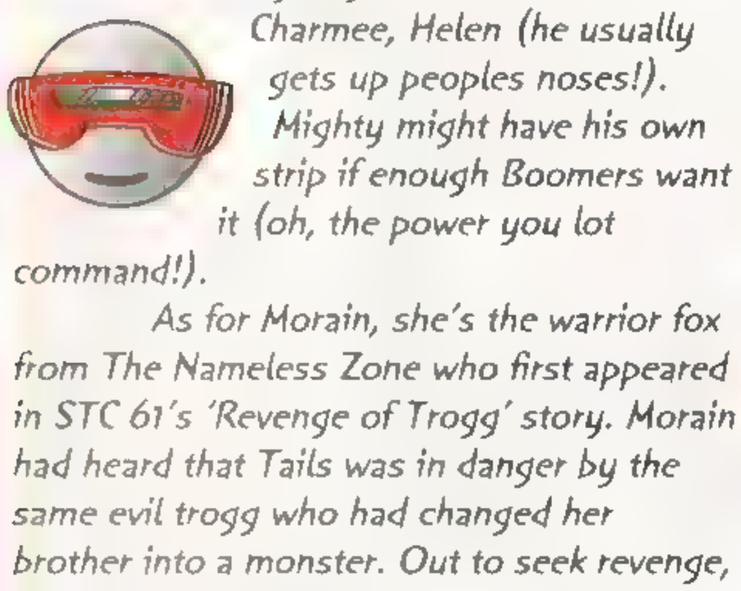
One of my compliments is that you once let Charmee Bee have his own strip cartoon. Bravo! Will you let Mighty have one too? Also, I want to know who this Morain character is?

Helen Baker,
Normanton, West Yorks.
MD2 owner.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

Glad you got such a buzz from Charmee, Helen (he usually gets up peoples noses!). Mighty might have his own strip if enough Boomers want it (oh, the power you lot command!).

As for Morain, she's the warrior fox from The Nameless Zone who first appeared in STC 61's 'Revenge of Trogg' story. Morain had heard that Tails was in danger by the same evil trogg who had changed her brother into a monster. Out to seek revenge, she decided to help Tails.

Watch this space - she'll be meeting up again with Tails in the not too distant future!



"I would also like to see Morain back in the universe's greatest comic!".

Edward Badham,
Corsham,
Wiltshire.
MD2 owner.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

FOR GRIMER!

Dear Megadroid,

I would like to know where Grimer went to after Doctor Robotnik turned him into a crystal statue, as I would like to see him come back.

Gowan Donaldson,
Kirkwall, Orkney, Scotland.
MD owner.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

Lots of Boomers want to know the whereabouts of Robotnik's sidekick, Gowan, which is why 'Whatever Happened to Grimer' is all set for the next issue of STC. Can you wait that long?

AGAINST GRIMER!

Dear STC,

Please, please get rid of Grimer for good as I'm living in dread that he'll be back soon! He's psychotic, utterly useless and should be censored! Now, I don't mean to be rude, but let's face it, he's past his sell-by date!

Alex Tomlinson,
Lancashire (full add not given).
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

You don't mean to be rude, Alex? I won't be within earshot if you decide to get personal about me! Phew! Oh, by the way, I bet you're looking forward to Grimer's return next issue!

Espio in training for the front cover confronation!

Scott Penn,
Hove, Sussex.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

ON THE FLOATING ISLAND THE CRIMINALS KNOWN AS MS ALPHA, MR BETA, MR GAMMA AND MR DELTA ARE IN CONTROL...

SO, KNUCKLES, YOU HAVE FELT THE PAIN THE SHOCK COLLAR CAN CAUSE...

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO FEEL IT AGAIN, I SUGGEST YOU LEAVE US ALONE TO DO WHAT WE CAME HERE FOR.

YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS.

DON'T BE SILLY... OF COURSE WE WILL!

PART II

THE TAKE-OVER

KNUCKLES

SCRIPT: NIGEL KITCHING • ART: NIGEL DOBBYN • LETTERING: TOM FRAME

YOU'RE CRAZY TO WANT TO STEAL THE CHAOS EMERALDS! THEY'RE DANGEROUS... THEIR POWER IS TOO UNSTABLE!

I AGREE ENTIRELY... YOU'D HAVE TO BE INSANE TO WANT TO GET YOUR HANDS ON THOSE THINGS!

WHAT?

LOOK, THIS ISLAND IS LOADED WITH TREASURE AND OTHER PRICELESS OBJECTS, SO WHY SHOULD WE BOTHER WITH YOUR SILLY EMERALDS?

OUR SHIP WILL ARRIVE IN AN HOUR AND WE INTEND TO MEET IT WITH ENOUGH TREASURE TO MAKE US RICH FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES!

YOU'RE JUST COMMON CRIMINALS!

WE BROKE THROUGH YOUR ISLAND'S DEFENCES, GOT PAST YOUR ROBOT GUARDIANS AND DEFEATED YOU!

WE MAY BE CRIMINALS, BUT WE'RE HARDLY COMMON!

REMEMBER, LEAVE US ALONE OR... ZAP!

I'VE JUST ABOUT HAD ENOUGH OF THIS!

KLAK!

WHAT?

I'VE NEVER MET A BUNCH OF MORE SMUG, SELF-SATISFIED CREEPS IN MY LIFE!

WHAMM!

I DON'T KNOW WHICH WAS WORSE... WEARING THIS COLLAR OR HAVING TO LISTEN TO YOU JABBERING ON!

UH OH!

FORGET IT, PAL! YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE!

IT FELL OVER HERE SOMEWHERE...

ALL RIGHT, KNUCKLES, YOU ASKED FOR THIS!

SCRNTCCH!

ULP!

MR DELTA, WHAT'S GOING ON? WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE **JAMMING** THE ROBOT'S SENSORS... THEY SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO **SEE** US!

I... I **DON'T** UNDERSTAND IT!

THEN THERE'S ONLY **ONE THING** WE CAN DO!

WE'LL HAVE TO **SURRENDER.**

WE CAN'T WIN AGAINST YOU **AND** THE ROBOTS... WE HAVE **NO** CHOICE!

I JUST **CAN'T** UNDERSTAND IT!

OKAY, ROBOTS. TAKE THEM TO THE CAGE WHERE WE LEFT THE AGENTS OF D.R.A.T.*!

I'LL ARRANGE FOR THE AUTHORITIES TO PICK THEM UP AND GET THEM OFF THE ISLAND!

*DOCTOR ROBOTNIK APPRECIATION TRIBE— Megadroid.

HOURS LATER...

AH, YOU'RE **BACK**, ROBOT! LOOK, I'M **WORRIED** ABOUT PORKER LEWIS. I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE THIS TROUBLE BEGAN!

I WOULDN'T **WORRY** ABOUT HIM... HE'S **TOUGHER** THAN SOME PEOPLE THINK!

PORKER, WHAT GOES ON?

THE CRIMINALS DIDN'T REALISE THAT THESE ROBOTS COULD BE PILOTED **MANUALLY**!

WHEN I GRABBED THE SHOCK COLLAR REMOTE CONTROL, THEY ASSUMED THEIR JAMMING EQUIPMENT HAD **FAILED**!

SO ALL THE OTHER ROBOTS STILL COULDN'T SEE THOSE CRIMINALS?

I JUST TOLD THEM TO STAY **CLOSE** TO ME!

I GUESS THAT JUST ABOUT TAKES CARE OF **EVERYTHING**!

NOT **QUITE**, PORKER! THERE'S JUST ONE MORE THING YOU CAN DO FOR ME...

WILL YOU **PLEASE** HELP GET ME OUT OF THIS **BLASTED** COLLAR?

NEXT ISSUE: ***TAILS*** IS BACK!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

Pirates of the Mystic Cave

Script: Nigel Kitching
Art: Richard Elson
Lettering: Ellie de'Ville

MYSTIC CAVE ZONE. SONIC AND HIS FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE ON THE TRAIL OF A MISSING AMY.

S... SONIC? I'M PICKING UP SOME PRETTY STRANGE READINGS HERE...

COOL IT, LEWIS. NOTHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN WITH ME AROUND!

LOOK OUT! CRAWLTONS!

RATS! I HATE IT WHEN I'M WRONG!

THIS BADNIK IS EMPTY, ANY OF YOURS GOT A PRISONER, SONIC?

KA-POW!

YOU OKAY, PORKER?

NOT A ONE, DUDE!

ACCORDING TO THESE READINGS WE'VE ALMOST FOUND AMY. WE'VE GOT TO RESCUE HER!

RESCUE HER AGAIN, YOU MEAN! I TOLD YOU SHE'D BE TROUBLE!

WHUMP!

DON'T BE SO HARD ON AMY, SONIC. SHE WAS PROTECTING TAILS. SHE DIDN'T KNOW SHE'D BE CAPTURED BY *PIRATES!*

PIRATES! GIVE ME A BREAK!

SONIC!

HUH...?

FAST MOVE, KID!

KROOOOM!

I COULDN'T LET YOU FACE THINGS ALONE, SONIC.

JUST TRY NOT TO GET TAKEN PRISONER OR ANYTHING, OKAY?

WHICH WAY, SONIC?

LET'S GO LEFT...

ON THE OTHER HAND...

FLASHERS! THEY'RE ALL CHARGED UP... ONE TOUCH AND IT'S ALL OVER!

MOVE IT, TAILS! THOSE BADNIKS AREN'T FOOLING AROUND!

UH OH ...

BOY, I REALLY HATE DAYS LIKE THIS ...

ARRRGGGH!

ZZZKKK!

AARRRGGH!

A LITTLE LATER...

OOOOH! DID YOU GET THE NUMBER OF THAT TRUCK?

SO THIS IS THE FAMOUS SONIC, IS IT? HOW *DIS-APPOINTING*...

I AM *CAPTAIN PLUNDER* AND THESE ARE MY *MYSTIC CAVE PIRATES!*

HELLO SONIC! I KNEW YOU'D COME!

AMY!

I'LL GIVE YOU ONE CHANCE MATEY, OR YOUR LITTLE FRIEND TAKES THE LONG FALL!

SONIC?

ALL RIGHT. YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT. NOW WHAT DO YOU *WANT*?

WHY, THE *CHAOS EMERALDS* OF COURSE!

THE MOST PRECIOUS GEMS ON MOBIUS AND *YOU* HAVE THEM!

THE CHAOS EMERALDS!? DO WHAT YOU LIKE TO US, WALRUS-CHOPS, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK WILL *NEVER* GET HIS HANDS ON THOSE GEMS!

I'M NOT WORKING FOR ROBOTNIK, YOU POLTROON! I *STOLE* THOSE BADNIKS... THAT'S WHAT *PIRATES* DO! I *WANT* THOSE EMERALDS... MAYBE *THIS* WILL CHANGE YOUR MIND!

HEEELP!

TAILS! YOU CAN *FLY* YOU IDIOT!

OH YEAH...

WHAT?

NOT MUCH OF A DISTRACTION BUT IT'LL HAVE TO DO!

SPINATTACK... HUH?

CAN'T HURT ME, SONNY BOY! I'M A *GHOST*, SO I AM!

A GHOST? OH *COME ON!*

OH FILCH IS A GHOST ALL RIGHT, KILLED HIM *MYSELF*, SO I DID!

IT WAS MY OWN FAULT FOR TAKING THAT EXTRA BISCUIT, CAP'N!

HE MAY BE A GHOST, BUT *YOU'RE* NOT!

WHAAAAM!

STOP IT, BOTH OF YOU! THIS IS *POINTLESS!*

SONIC IS NEVER GOING TO GIVE UP THE CHAOS EMERALDS!

WHY DON'T WE JOIN FORCES AGAINST *DOCTOR ROBOTNIK?*

WE HAVE WAYS OF FINDING OUT ABOUT ROBOTNIK'S OPERATIONS*. WE CAN TELL YOU WHICH AIR FREIGHTERS ARE WORTH ROBBING.

* *SONIC'S KINTOBAR COMPUTER CONSTANTLY MONITORS ROBOTNIK'S TRANSMISSIONS – MEGADROID.*

AND, IN TURN, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP *US* SOMETIME.

THAT BE A SMART GIRL YOU'VE GOT THERE, POLTROON!

SHE'S *NOT* MY GIRL!

SOMETIME LATER, AFTER A DEAL HAS BEEN MADE.

PRETTY CLEVER OF AMY, DON'T YOU THINK, SONIC?

HUH, I WAS JUST ABOUT TO SUGGEST IT *MYSELF!*

THIS DEAL IS GOING TO MAKE YOU A *FORTUNE*, CAP'N!

I ALREADY *HAVE* A FORTUNE, FILCH! I ALSO HAVE A *PLAN* – ONE THAT WILL *STILL* GET ME THE CHAOS EMERALDS!

THOSE POLTROONS HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF *CAPTAIN PLUNDER!*

NEXT ISSUE : SLAVE SHIP!

Spot the difference

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Something really zany has happened. I have just taken a picture of the Donkey Kong apes.

On the developed photos I noticed five differences between shot A and shot B. Can you spot them?

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Answers: Leaves in the background, The dust behind the apes' feet, The DK emblem on Donkey Kong's tie, The colour of Diddy Kong's T-shirt, The baseball cap on Diddy Kong's head.

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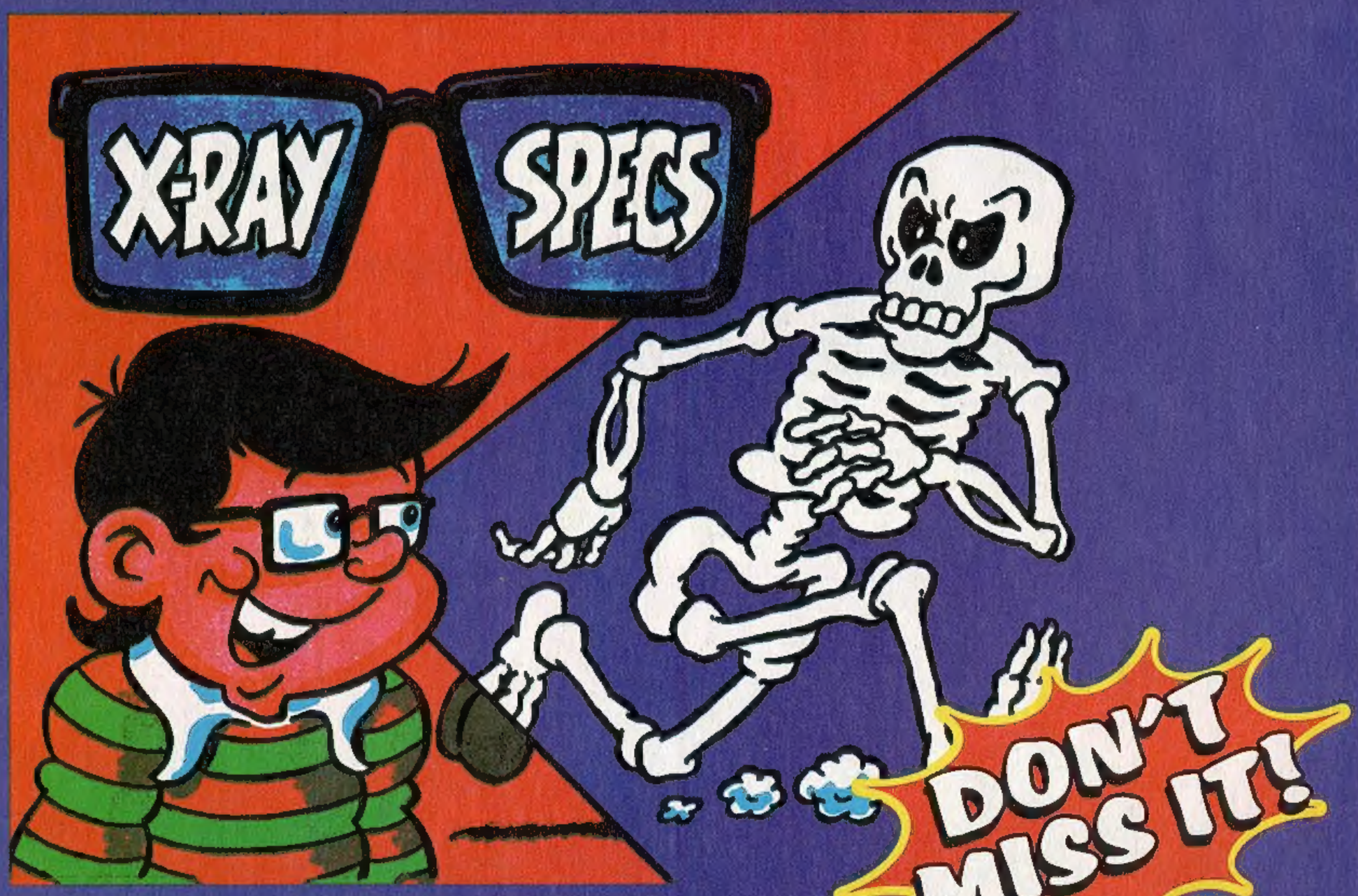

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